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Dear FDA:

I write to you today to express my strong opposition to the unnecessary rules which the Center for Science in the Public Interest has asked you to consider.

As a state representative, I have a vested interest in maintaining the standard of living of my constituents, many of whom make their livings from the sea. Many of these are already struggling to cope with recent legislation that has negatively impacted their industry.

Most people in the oyster industry own small operations with little financial stability and few cash reserves. If they are forced to comply with these regulations the cost of this mandatory treatment will drive many out of business altogether. Those who remain in operation will face a reduction of already limited profits. The shellfish industry cannot afford the costly equipment, nor can it absorb the lower consumer demand which will result from treated oysters.

Consumers should be able to choose between treated and fresh oysters. Those people who may be at risk should heed the numerous health warnings available and assume their own level of personal responsibility when choosing to eat fresh oysters.

I am asking you to reject these rules and to allow other appropriate independent state and national bodies such as ISSC to continue their educational and oversight activities as they have in the past.

Sincerely,

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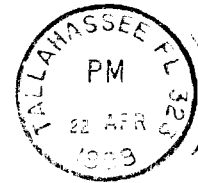
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